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 THE AMERICAN HISTORY OF NUCLEAR ~~THREATS~~ -- TRUMAN TO NIXON

(So far as is known from public announcements, memoirs of Presidents & their associates, and studies based on official documents).

Site of Threat	Date	President	U.S. Nuclear Involvement	Principal References Source of Information
Iran	1946	Truman	Secret threat	Sen. Jackson, <u>Time</u> , Jan. 28, 1980.
Korea	1950	Truman	Public threat of attack	{ Press Conference, Nov. 30, 1950. Public Announcement Truman memoirs, <u>Years of Trial and Hope</u> (NY 1964) Vol. II, pp. 450-51
Korea	1953	Eisenhower	Secret threat of attack	{ <u>Mandate for Change</u> Eisenhower's memoirs, (name?) Vol. I, pp. 175-81.
Iraq/Kuwait	1958	Eisenhower	Eisenhower orders secret preparation	{ Blechman and Kaplan <u>Force Without War</u> (Washington, 1978) pp. 238, 256
Dienbienphu	1954	Eisenhower	US offer of nuclear weapons to French	{ Prime Minister Bidault in film <u>Hearts and Minds</u> , and in <u>Drummond and Coblenz</u> , Eisenhower's memoirs
Quemoy & Matsu	1958	Eisenhower	President orders Secret preparation	{ <u>Duel at the Brink</u> (NY 1960), pp. 21-22
Laos	1961	Kennedy	JCS recommendation Secret preparation	{ Nixon memoirs, <u>RN</u> (NY 1978), pp. 150-51
Berlin	1961	Kennedy	Public Threat (?)	{ Sorensen, <u>Kennedy</u> (NY 1964) pp. 721-28.
Cuba	1962	Kennedy	Public Threat (?)	{ Blechman and Kaplan, pp. 342-432. R.F. Kennedy, <u>Thirteen Days</u> (NY 1971)
Khe Sanh	1968	Johnson	Gen. Westmoreland recommendation (contingent) Secret threat	{ Schandler, <u>The Unmaking of a President</u> (Princeton, 1977) pp. 86-91
Vietnam	1969-1972	Nixon	At least 13 separate threats of use	{ Haldeman's memoirs: <u>The Ends of Power</u> (NY 1978) pp. 81-85, 97-98. <u>Richard M. Nixon Memoirs</u> , pp. 393-414. Eqbal Ahmad, <u>Pakistan</u> , scholar, as told to Daniel Ellsberg

Halperin, The 1958 Taiwan Straits Crisis (declassified & annotated study)

1946 Iran
 Kissinger in N. Korea (See Haldeman memoirs)
 1980 Afghanistan Carter-Dyess

* George and Smoke, Deterrence in American Foreign Policy (NY 1974) pp. 237-41

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